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REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5 and 8-22 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 4, 5 and 8-21 have been allowed. Claims 2 and 22 stand rejected.

Claim Rejections Under § 102(b):

The prior rejections of Claims 2 and 22 under § 102(b), as being anticipated by US Pat. No. 4,678,453 (Aucktor et al.), are maintained by the examiner in the Final Office Action. Applicants again respectfully traverse these rejections, submit that the rejections are improper, and request that they be withdrawn.

The examiner states that Applicants' arguments included in the Amendment filed July 17, 2006, (actually filed July 13, 2006) have been fully considered but are not persuasive because they do not address Claims 2 and 22. Applicants disagree with the examiner's contention and submit that their remarks concerning the §102 rejections of independent Claim 1 fully address the rejections of Claims 2 and 22.

Rejected Claim 2 depends from Claim 1. Rejected Claim 22 depends from Claim 2. Claim 1 has now been allowed after having previously been rejected by the examiner (along with Claims 2 and 22) under §102(b) over Aucktor et al. '453 (as well as over DE 3818730). Applicants respectfully submit that the examiner inappropriately maintains § 102 rejections of Claims 2 and 22 in view of allowed Claim 1.

Because Aucktor et al. '453 fails to identically disclose or describe the invention of independent Claim 1, as discussed at length in the remarks filed July 13, 2006, the rejections of dependent Claims 2 and 22 under § 102(b) over this reference is improper. Applicants respectfully request that these rejections be withdrawn and that Claims 2 and 22 now be allowed.

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Should there be any questions regarding any of the above, the Examiner is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 813-1250. In the event that Applicants have overlooked the need for an extension of time, payment of fee, or payment of additional amount of fee, Applicants hereby petition therefor and authorize that any charges, or credit for any overpayment, be made to Deposit Account No. 50-0831, Delphi Technologies, Inc.

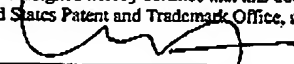
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